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In re the Application of:  P. THOMAS WATSON ET AL.  Serial No.: 10/029,173  Filed: December 28, 2001  For: SYSTEM AND METHOD TO REMOTELY MANAGE AN AUDIT SET TOP BOX RESOURCES	Art Unit: 2181  Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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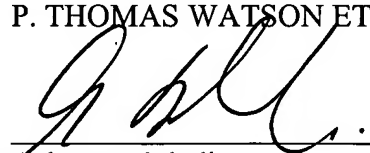
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